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HOUSE BILL 2671
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, relative to the designation of Workers Memorial Day as a day of special observance.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should commemorate those citizens who have contributed to the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, American workers who have suffered disabling injuries and disease and lost their lives while striving to improve the quality of life are such exemplary citizens deserving of such commemoration; and

WHEREAS, eleven years ago the AFL-CIO designated April 28th as Workers Memorial Day, to remember workers killed and injured on the job; and

WHEREAS, April 28th marks the anniversary of the date the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect in 1971, committed to providing a safe environment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS, Workers Memorial Day was also established to create public awareness of safety issues within the workplace and renew efforts to seek stronger safety and health protections; and

WHEREAS, this country was built on the hard work and dedication of workers who have improved the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, to that end, it is vital that we commit wholeheartedly to making the public aware of the need to continue to provide safe workplaces for the millions of American workers; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section _____. April 28 of each year is to be observed as “Workers’ Memorial Day,” to be proclaimed as such by the governor to honor and recognize workers killed and injured on the job. Such day shall not be a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.